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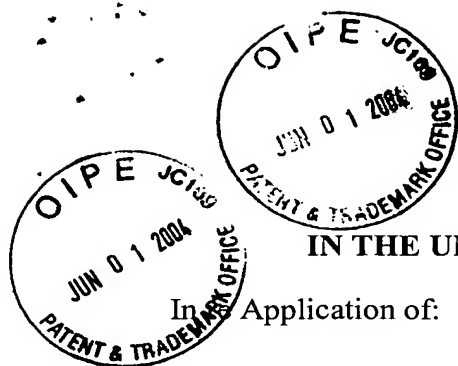
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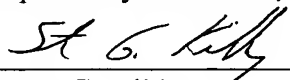
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Applicant is in receipt of the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment dated March 3, 2004, notifying that the patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b) is 35 days for this application.

The undersigned believes that the patent term adjustment for this case should be 0 days, provided that the patent issues in a timely manner without any delay on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If the Office believes, however, that its calculation of the patent term adjustment was correct, Applicant respectfully requests that the Office confirm the issuance of a patent term adjustment of 35 days.

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